



***San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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DRAFT MINUTES

June 9, 2005

Meeting Location: California Department of Fish and Game
4949 Viewridge Avenue
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COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT
Jack Bransford, Chair	1
Paul Kelpin	1
Florence Sloane	2
Ben Tulloch, Secretary (Absent)	2
Rob Wilder	3
Teresa Barth (Acting Secretary)	3
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D, Vice-Chair	4
Jim Dodd	4
Mike Pottorff	5
Jim Conrad	5

- A. Meeting called to order at: 6:35 p.m.**
- B. Introductions:**
Rob Hutsel representing S.D. River Park
John Lopez representing Chula Vista Nature Center
Dan Beintema representing Chula Vista Nature Center
- C. Minutes for May 10, 2005** were approved without corrections. Commissioner Pottorff abstained. Moved (Conrad), seconded (Smothers).
- D. Public Comment**
None.

E. Chairman's Report –

Commissioner Bransford reviewed correspondence submitted to commission forwarded letter concerning Red tail hawks to DFQ.

F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Commission Video Project - (Pottorff/Conrad)

Commissioner Pottorff reported that schedule conflicts prevented completion. Commissioner Conrad noted that DVD's, not tapes, would be produced. The project is to be completed for the July meeting.

2. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Pottorff)

Commissioner Pottorff reported that project continues to move forward. Meeting with Army Corp of Engineers is scheduled. This is an ongoing project with no final completion date as yet.

3. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Chuck Raybrook)

FWCA/DFG/SDCWF Monthly Meeting held on 6/2/05. Topics of discussion included the new Regional Manager Larry Eng, the possible structural reorganization of the department, the East County MSCP, authorized and unauthorized uses at Hollenbeck Canyon, a proposed fee for hunting lease at Warner Springs Ranch, and the time frame for the ongoing study of the deer herd at San Felipe. Larry Eng to decide if monthly meetings will continue.

4. 2005 Fish and Game Commissioners Conference (Bransford)

May 13, 2005 Conference of the California County Fish & Game Commissions

Bob Treanor, Executive Director of the California Fish & Game Commission, discussed the need for research to provide necessary information for Commission decisions. He also discussed the importance of a statewide organization of County Commissioners. The County Commissioners are closest to the resource and need to have a presence before the State Commission and the Legislature. Then he and Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director of the Department of Fish & Game, responded to questions and suggestions from the attending Commissioners.

Dr.s Sabrina Drill and Thomas Scott discussed West Nile Virus, the impact on wildlife, and the need for cooperative interaction between agencies concerned with water and watershed management, wildlife management, and vector control to minimize the impact of the disease. West Nile Virus has killed more numbers of more species than any other disease.

Sonke Mastrup addressed questions submitted by various Commissions and the Commissioners in attendance. He recommended that County Commissioners work with the Department, the State Commission, the State Legislature and the Administration to influence their decision-making.

John Hybarger, Los Angeles County Commissioner, reported that there is the nucleus of a statewide organization of County Commissioners. Additional funding source is needed to cover expenses and volunteers to run it.

The Santa Barbara and Ventura County Commissions are considering hosting the next Southern California conference in the second week of May 2006. Annual meeting date set for 2nd Friday of May 2006.

Commissioner Sloane will be submitting mileage reimbursement form.

5. **Mitigation of Border Fence Impacts (Sloane)**

No report.

6. **Handling of fines/forfeiture monies for Fish and Game (Sloane)**

No report.

7. **Giant Sea Bass (Wilder)**

Letter sent to Board of Supervisors June 2, 2005. Copies of the letter were distributed at meeting.

8. **Grant Application (Bransford)**

1. 2005/06-01 San Diego Quail Unlimited and California Department of Fish and Game. \$775.00 for vandalism repair and fire protection at Hollenbeck Canyon. No representative present
2. 2005/06-02 Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, \$15,000 to drill a well for continuous water supply at wildlife ponds. No representative present
3. 2005/06-03 California Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Special Hunt Program – Requesting \$4,500 for live Chinese Ringneck Rooster Pheasants. No representative present.
4. 2005/06-04 Chula Vista Nature Center, Requesting \$25,000 for fabrication/construction of exhibit and life support system for exhibit for Rainbow Trout. Mr. Berntema reviewed project. He noted that the grant request was a part of a larger reconstruction project at the Nature Center. He answered commissioners questions concerning project timeline, matching funds, and governing agency (City of Chula Vista).
5. 2005/06-05 Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, Requesting \$8,055 for supplies (\$2,400), equipment (\$5,175), and indirect costs (\$480) for white seabass study.
6. 2005/06-06 San Diego River Park Foundation, Community based Engelmann Oak

Habitat Restoration Project. \$7,200 for removal of non-native annual grasses and restoration of native plants.

Hutsel: Reviewed project. He noted that it was a post-fire recovery project. Answered commissioners' questions about ownership of land, primary focus of project. Commissioners requested more detailed budget breakdown.

9. **Grant Evaluation Form Updates (Dodd)**

Dodd reviewed new form. Noted duplicate letter "C". Commissioners requested changing 3. Cultural to Youth. Conrad clarified scoring. Rank ordering determined by average of commissioner's scores. Quality and nature of project will determine level of funding.

Motion made to accept with indexing changes and replace cultural with youth. Motion made by: Conrad. Seconded by: Smothers

New Business:

1. **FWAC Website – Maintenance and Updating (Pottorff/Bransford)**

Experiencing technical difficulties. Completion by July meeting.

2. **East County MSCP (Barth/Conrad)**

East County MSCP – Commissioner Barth reported the plan area is made up of 75% public and tribal land and 25% private land. Only the private land will be under the plan jurisdiction. The County Plan 2020 and the County's policy to support farming in the region will impact the MSCP. Presentation implied that the US Fish & Wildlife Services and California Dept. of Fish & Game would be involved in the plan development. However, border security agencies are not currently involved. Method of habitat verification was discussed.

The MSCP Annual Workshop Presentation is scheduled for June 18 at Mission Trails Regional Park. Commissioners Barth and Bransford to attend.

G. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Sloane reported that Cindy Gustafson of Tahoe City has been appointed to the Fish & Game Commission.

H. Adjournment Time: 8:45 pm